

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
EASTERN DIVISION
No. 4:19-CV-00111**

WILLIAM HARRIS and)	PLAINTIFFS' STATUS REPORT
PHYLLIS HARRIS,)	RE FINALIZING SETTLEMENT
)	DOCUMENTS RESOLVING
Plaintiffs,)	PLAINTIFFS' CLAIMS AGAINST
)	DEFENDANT MICHAEL V.
vs.)	GURKINS, IN HIS CAPACITY AS
)	EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF
MICHAEL V. GURKINS, in his)	MARY JANE VANDERBURG
capacity as Executor of the Estate)	ONLY
of Mary Jane Vanderburg,)	
DOUGLAS MATTHEW)	
GURKINS, REMCO EAST, INC.,)	
and MARY GRACE BISHOP,)	
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Defendants.)	
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Pursuant to the Court's direction, plaintiff William and Phyllis Harris submit this report to Magistrate Judge Gates regarding the finalization of the settlement between plaintiffs and defendant Michael V. Gurkins, in his capacity as Executor of the Estate of Mary Jane Vanderburg only.

Since the placement of the material terms of this settlement on the records before Magistrate Judge Gates on July 15, 2022, counsel for these parties have actively conferred to finalize these settlement documents:

1. On July 19, 2022, the parties approved the text and terms of the proposed consent decree that will be lodged for District Judge Dever's

review and approval;

2. On August 2, 2022, today, the parties approved the text of a stipulation for entry of the proposed consent decree and an order dismissing this action as to these parties only, subject to the terms of the consent decree; and,

3. On August 2, 2022, today, the parties approved the text of the mutual release to be executed by these parties.

Counsel need to collect signatures of their clients on the mutual release. Once that it done, plaintiffs will file these parties' stipulation for entry of the proposed consent decree and dismissal order. Plaintiffs anticipate that these steps will be

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completed by Thursday, August 4, 2022.

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Dated: August 2, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to Rule 5 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, on August 2, 2022, I served by email via ECF a copy of the attached document –
PLAINTIFFS’ STATUS REPORT RE FINALIZING SETTLEMENT DOCUMENTS RESOLVING PLAINTIFFS’ CLAIMS AGAINST DEFENDANT MICHAEL V. GURKINS, IN HIS CAPACITY AS EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF MARY JANE VANDERBURG ONLY –
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